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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

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ON SEPTEMBER 12, MESSERS MATTHEWS AND COOK DELIVERED AIDE
MEMOIRE ON SUBJECT TALKS (SEE REFTEL) AND DISCUSSED US
POSITION WITH AMBASSADOR GHORBAL. GHORBAL PROMISED TO
CONVEY OUR CONCERNS TO AUTHORITIES IN CAIRO EMPHASIZING
THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RAMIFICATIONS OF GOE ACTION
AGAINST TWA. HE NOTED THAT SITUATION WOULD BE EASILY
RESOLVED IF TWA AND EGYPTAIR COULD ENTER INTO A POOLING
ARRANGEMENT. DEPTOFF EXPLAINED THAT POOLING WAS NOT A
REALISTIC OPTION BECAUSE OF US ANTITRUST LAWS. GHORBAL
SUGGESTED TECHNICAL COOPERATION ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN TWA AND
EGYPTAIR AS AN ALTERNATIVE. DEPTOFF SAID THIS HAD BEEN
SUGGESTED TO TWA REP WHO SAID HE WOULD EXPLORE THIS POSSI-
BILITY WHEN HE MET WITH HIS EGYPTAIR COUNTERPARTS IN CAIRO.
GENERALLY, GHORBAL SEEMED TO BE RECEPTIVE TO ARGUMENTS
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IN REFTEL, ESPECIALLY THE POSSIBLE ADVERSE EFFECT ON

TOURISM AND BUSINESS TRAVEL AND THE FACT THAT THE SCHEDUL-
ING PATTERN ON AFFECTED SEGMENTS WAS SUCH THAT TRAFFIC WOULD
NOT NECESSARILY FLOW TO EGYPTAIR AFTER THE RESTRICTIONS WERE
IMPOSED. KISSINGER

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